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Office Action Summary

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BATTLE ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey R. Swearingen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/13/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-18 and 20-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Win et al. (US 6,453,353 B1).

5. In regard to claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 29, and 31, Win disclosed:

receiving a selection of a logout link; [Win, column 11, lines 11-13]

generating a logout page for display on a browser being used by the user; [Win, column

11, lines 11-13]

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causing a request for data from the server to be issued by the browser; [Win, column 11, lines 13-15]

clearing cookies from the browser by setting the cookies' values to nothing and the cookies' expire time to a past date; [Win, column 11, lines 15-20]

wherein the cookies include data provided by the browser to the server [Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

wherein further the data contains at least one of:

a date and time that the user is authenticated by an authentication server,

a profile for the user, and

a list of sites visited by the user following a most recent logout from the authentication server, wherein the sites include web servers [Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

and receiving and displaying an image from multiple servers by receiving source image tags from the authentication server; issuing get image requests to URLs identified by the image tags; rendering an image received in responses from the domain servers; [Win, column 11, line 12-13. The system's logout page included images. Examples of the pages used by Win are shown in the Personalized Menu Service in column 11, lines 42-64.

6. In regard to claims 2, 8, Win disclosed:

the request further causes the server to send an image to the browser which is indicative of successful logout. [Win, column 11, lines 42-64. The Personalized Menu Service is returned upon logout.]

7. In regard to claims 3, 9, 26 Win disclosed:

multiple servers are logged out of by selection of a single logout link. [Win, column 11, lines 10-20.]

8. In regard to claims 4, 27, Win disclosed:

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the logout link may be located on any of the multiple servers and an authentication server. [Win, column 11, lines 10-20]

9. In regard to claim 5, Win disclosed:

a visited sites cookie maintains a list of all sites logged into by the user. [Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

10. In regard to claim 6, Win disclosed:

selected cookies are expired to log out of the server. [Win, column 11, lines 13-20]

11. In regard to claim 12, Win disclosed:

maintaining a list of servers that a user has logged into identified by site ID. [column 10, lines 1-55]

12. In regard to claim 13, Win disclosed:

a list of servers is used to identify the link to each expire cookies page on each server.
[Win, column 11, lines 10-20]

13. In regard to claim 14, Win disclosed:

the request for a logout page can be initiated via different server pages. [Win, column 11, lines 10-20]

14. In regard to claim 20, Win disclosed:

the image tag ensures that the image will not be retrieved from cache. [Win, column 11, lines 57-58]

15. In regard to claims 21, 30, 32, Win disclosed:

the image tag includes a query. [Win, column 11, lines 57-58. The "query" accesses a URL.]

16. In regard to claims 22, 25, Win disclosed:

the domain servers logged into are identified in a visited sites data structure. [Win, column 10, lines 1-40]

17. In regard to claim 23, Win disclosed:

the data structure comprises a cookie. [Win, column 10, lines 41-65]

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18. In regard to claim 28, Win disclosed:

the cookies comprise user personal information. [Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

19. In regard to claim 33, Win disclosed:

the data contains at least one of:

a date and time that the user is authenticated by an authentication server, and

a profile for the user.

[Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

20. In regard to claims 34-40, Win disclosed:

the data contains at least one of:

a date and time that the user is authenticated by an authentication server;

a profile for the user, and

a list of sites visited by the user following a most recent logout from the authentication server, wherein the sites include web servers.

[Win, column 10, lines 41-55]

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

21. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

22. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win in view of Official Notice.

23. Win disclosed the use of images in column 11, lines 42-64, under the Personalized Menu Service. Win failed to explicitly state that the icons and graphic buttons used in lines 57-58 were checkmarks. However, Official Notice is taken that a checkmark is a well known graphic image. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use any image with Win, including a checkmark.

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Conclusion

24. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Win et al. US 6,161,139


Ratnaraj et al. US 6,185,567 B1

Lim et al. US 6,434,619 B1

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. Swearingen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on 571-272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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